

BECKER'S CASE IS CONTINUED.

A Few Witnesses Were Examined Yesterday.

OTHERS ARE NEEDED.

The Investigation Will Be Resumed Next Monday Morning.

FRAUD HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN.

The District Attorney Expects to Show by Mr. Meloy and Mr. Lieb that the Accused Swore Falsely. Court Clerk Tells Why the Naturalization Papers Were Granted.

The hearing of the case of Moritz Becker, charged with violating the United States naturalization laws, was begun before United States Commissioner Meloy Pleasant in the District Attorney's office at 4:29 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Comparatively little progress was made. Witnesses were examined to prove the circumstances under which the man was naturalized, but as yet it has not been shown that the applicant made, in the eyes of the law, a false statement in this country. The District Attorney expects to prove this by two witnesses who were absent yesterday. An account of their absence the further hearing was postponed until Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

District Attorney Edgar Allan, representing the government and Hon. George D. Wise, appeared with Messrs. William and Henry Grubb, counsel for Becker, and Henry Grubb, counsel for Becker, and Henry Grubb, counsel for Becker.

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next called. He first saw Becker in March, 1897. He did not know where he was a trustee. Becker was then in the employ of Mr. A. Molloy, who is now out of the city, but is on the way here. Mr. Allan asked the witness no more questions, saying he had expected to prove by Mr. Dunn what he could prove by Mr. Molloy.

A BALTIMORE WITNESS. Mr. Max Kaplan, a Baltimore tailor, said he had known the accused five or six years, and first met him in Baltimore. He had not known him in Russia. He did not know where Becker came from when he went to Baltimore. He was asked if he knew Margolite Frank, and said he did. She is the woman who was deported to Russia. The witness said he had learned to know Becker from Europe that had learned to know Becker from Europe that had learned to know Becker from Europe.

Mr. Frank's woman has been Becker's wife about seven years. He had often heard Becker speak of his wife. He had said he married her in Russia, but the witness never asked him how old his youngest child was, but he knew as well as Becker when the child was born. He could not recall whether or not Becker was in America when this child was born, nor was he able to say whether Becker had been in America before.

The witness was asked where his father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lieb, reside, and said they live in Baltimore. They have been there six years. He was unable to say whether or not they came to America before Becker.

WAS AT THE WEDDING. The fact was brought out that Kaplan's father-in-law was at Becker's last marriage.

Kaplan had to talk through an interpreter, and very little light was thrown on the case by his testimony.

The District Attorney asked for a continuation of the case till Monday morning, in order to have Mr. Meloy and Mr. Kaplan's father-in-law as witnesses. Judge Meloy said he would continue the case till Monday morning.

Becker testified as to the time of Becker's last marriage, and that his youngest child was born three years later, thus showing that Becker has not been in this country as long as he claims.

The continuance was not opposed by the defense, and it was granted.

SENATOR JONES' CONDITION.

In Precarious, but the Exercise of Every Precaution May Restore Him.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Senator Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the National Democratic Committee, is in a precarious condition, owing to his liability to another dangerous attack of heart trouble at any time.

As is usually the case in the intervals between attacks of this nature, he is getting along well just now and today a good night's rest, but he is maintaining the utmost caution and under strict orders of his physicians is avoiding any exertion.

This is a radical change for a man of Senator Jones' active habits, and he naturally chafes under it. His malady, actually peccolitis, is at least a grave one, and the outcome never can be foreseen. So far, however, there has been no untoward complication in Senator Jones' case, and there is a strong hope that with absolute quiet and rest away from his work for a considerable period he may recover.

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PEACE-LOVING GREAT BRITAIN

To Spend Millions of Pounds on Her Navy.

SHE HAD RATHER NOT

But the Action of Other Nations Makes Such a Course Necessary.

HER OBJECT PURELY DEFENSIVE.

Since Her Rivals Are Building Fast Cruisers to Prey on British Commerce in Case of War—Estimates Simply Embellishing the Feelings of a Peace-Loving Nation.

LONDON, March 9.—In introducing the navy estimates in the House of Commons today, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Right Hon. George J. Goschen, said never had estimates been submitted under more unique circumstances. Ahead was the conference for international disarmament, while behind was the incident of last November, and while a comparison of the naval strength of the various countries was in everybody's mouth, the most striking circumstance was shown in British preparedness to meet all emergencies.

The continental powers, he said, were disturbed by the allegation that Great Britain was preparing with a particular purpose for aggressive action, but the Minister asserted, the idea never entered the mind of the government. He then proceeded to detail the naval programme.

KEEP THE DOOR OPEN. Mr. Goschen said Her Majesty's Government proposed to make the War-Hut-War (the war port on the northern coast of the Shan Tung Peninsula) a second naval base, pointing out that it would be a most valuable anchorage of the greatest importance in any operations in Chinese waters, and adding that it was proposed to expend £1,200,000 on the War-Hut-War for the present year and £1,500,000 next year.

Continuing, Mr. Goschen informed the House that the personnel of the navy for the coming year would be increased by 1,200 men, and that the total of 11,500, at a cost of £1,740,000.

Referring to shipbuilding, he said the Government programme had been framed after consideration of the programmes of the other powers. A study of these programmes, he pointed out, was not, as some people had said, a mere matter of numbers. The United States, Russia, France, Japan, Italy and Germany had under construction 60,000 tons of warships, or 25,000 tons more than was contemplated in the present estimates.

This had forced the government to draw up a new programme, excluding last year's supplemental programme. It provided for two ironclads, two armored cruisers and three smaller cruisers, of a specially high type.

The increased appropriation required, therefore, for the coming fiscal year was £2,500,000, and the total under the shipbuilding vote, including the programme for last year's original and supplementary programmes, would be £12,375,000, an increase of over £2,000,000. The total estimates were £28,540,000.

For armament, Mr. Goschen asked an additional £50,000, chiefly for the construction of guns, but also for more ammunition for practice, which he asserted, was a matter of enormous importance, as shown by the late war.

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RIOTING TOUR OF TENTH IMMUNES.

Their Progress Punctuated by Pistol Shots.

IN NORTH CAROLINA

All Along Their Route Shots Were Fired Indiscriminately.

ONE COMPANY IN RICHMOND

But a Reception Committee of Policemen Effectually Cooled Their Enthusiasm—Their Colonel Gives Out a Statement Denying All the Charges of Riotous Conduct.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 9.—The tour of the Tenth Immunes through this State was marked by drunken rioting and shooting at people, houses and cattle along the railroad.

During the few minutes that the train stopped here, there was drinking and disorder among the men. Several shots were fired at the ground or into the air. All along the route, their conduct was the same. A dispatch from Harrison today says:

"The Tenth Immunes (negro troops) passed here today over the Seaboard air-line. They shot at private houses and school children. Several men were wounded. The officers of the regiment seemed to have no control over the men. Similar reports came from other points between here and Winston."

THE COLONEL'S STATEMENT. Colonel Charles I. Jones, commanding officer of the regiment, was seen by a representative of the Associated Press immediately upon the arrival of his train here, as he had telegraphed ahead in the morning that he desired to make a statement in regard to the shooting affair at Griffin, Ga. He said:

"We struck Griffin, Ga., about 5 o'clock yesterday evening. I don't think there was more than a dozen revolvers in the hands of the men. When they pulled out of the train, there was some shooting in the air from the train."

FULL OF SPIRITS. "The men were full of good spirits and had no intention of burning anything. No shots were fired when we went into the town of Griffin. I was surprised to find men lined up on either side of the depot. About fifty of them were uniforms. I thought the train was being attacked, and I told the first sergeant to get out of the train and that the citizens wanted to protect themselves."

"I told my men to be quiet, and they were obedient, and there was no disorder. The train stopped about five minutes."

"The train had pulled out about two hundred yards when some of the men in the forward part of the train fired some shots."

FIRED ON THE TRAIN. "The militia then fired into the rear car. George A. Aze, a brakeman, was standing on the platform when he was shot. He had passed through his leg, another through his arm, and still another had lost through his body. As the officers' car passed a body of the militia a volley was fired into it, notwithstanding the fact that four ladies were at the window. The train stopped for a moment, and the wife of one of the captains was nearly killed by a bullet from the militia car."

NOT BY THE TENTH. "Up to 5:30 o'clock, when I left Mason yesterday afternoon, not one of the depredations of white or negro troops at that town had been committed by the Tenth Immunes."

"But," he added, "what the action of the other nations, resulting from the coming of the Tenth Immunes, could make it possible for us to diminish or modify the programme, while of course, maintaining our standard and relative position."

Mr. Goschen announced in behalf of Her Majesty's Government that if the other great naval powers were prepared to diminish their programmes, Great Britain was prepared to do the same. He said that the programme was not radical, the programme would have to stand, and he (Mr. Goschen) expressed the hope that those who were proposing the country's expenditure would not attempt to discuss the matter, but would be satisfied with the programme as it stood.

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FAIR REACHING DECISION GIVEN.

State Hospitals Can Be Sued Like Corporations.

THE KILLING OF MAIA.

His Administrator Can Now Have the Suit for Damages Tried.

MANY OTHER OPINIONS GIVEN.

Court of Appeals Sustains the Law and Equity Court in Its Ruling in the Case of Mrs. Fowles—Suit Over Mr. Hunter's Will.

A most important and, perhaps, far-reaching opinion was handed down by the Court of Appeals yesterday. It is held that the Eastern State Hospital is a corporation that can be sued like another corporation. The decision will apply, of course, to similar State institutions.

Attorney-General Montague who appeared for the directors of the hospital, contended that while the hospital is a corporation it is an arm of the government and cannot be sued under the state constitution. The view Judge Wellford took of the case.

There will probably be legislation at the next session of the General Assembly to correct the defect in the law.

The case at issue is that of Maia's administrator vs. the directors of the Eastern State Hospital. It came up on an appeal from the Circuit Court of Richmond.

Mr. Samuel Davis argued it for the plaintiff. Judge Harrison delivered the opinion, which was concurred in by Judges Keith and Riley. Judge Buchanan dissenting. On the 31st of September, 1900, Maia was admitted to the Eastern State Hospital. On the date mentioned Maia was put to work digging and excavating in the side of an embankment and while engaged in this work the soil fell on him and killed him. The cause of the fall was the negligence of the hospital. The plaintiff sought damages. A demurrer to the declaration and to each count thereof was sustained and judgment given for the defendant.

The plaintiff sought to maintain the action. It was contended that the defendant is a public corporation, and an agency of the Commonwealth in the administration of governmental functions. The plaintiff contended that the defendant is a corporation, and that the citizens wanted to protect themselves.

The Court affirmed the judgment of the law and Equity Court of Richmond. The decision will apply, of course, to similar State institutions.

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